(3) A public latrine should be constructed near the landing place with separate compartments for female passengers;

(4) The Thekkumgopuram tank and a part of the Thekkumgopuram canal, which had been silted up and was of no use to the public, should be converted into a public road; and

(5) The Kodimatha and the market landings should be deepened and widened.

Dewan's reply.—The Government recognise that more basin accommodation is needed at Kottayam. The Chief Engineer will be asked to submit definite proposals.

79. The necessity for constructing a new landing place at Karukachal and connecting it with the Meenachil river.

Mr. A. K. Varkey (Member, T. I. C., Kottayam) said that there were two canals from the first bridge on the new Karukachal road going to different directions and joining the Meenachil river, *viz.*, the Kothukathu river and the Idiyan canal. They were mostly silted up and encroached upon. Pattas had also been granted for some portions of them. The Member said that, since he submitted his memoranda of subjects, the encroachments on the Idiyan canal were being rapidly removed. His proposals were the following, *viz.*,

(1) The encroachments on the two canals should be removed and the portions for which pattas had been granted acquired to secure the full width.

(2) The silt on the canals should be removed and the canals deepened and widened.

(3) A new boat-basin and landing should be constructed on the western side of the first bridge on the new Karukachal road.

(4) A public latrine, with two compartments for males and females, should be constructed near the proposed landing.

Dewan's reply.—The Chief Enginner will be asked to investigate the matter and report.

80. The necessity for constructing a canal from Cherukara to the Changanacherri Market landing.

Mr. Mathai Verghese (Member, Trading Classes, Changanacherri) said that there existed a narrow and circuitous canal from Cherukara in the Vembanad lake to the Changanacherri market landing, which was not fit for the passage of large cargo boats. The length of the canal was 10 miles, whereas the distance from Cherukara to the Changanacherri market landing was only 6 miles. Further, during the hot months of the year, travelling by boat through the canal was not possible for want of sufficient water. The Member requested that a straight canal, 50 feet broad, should be opened from the Changanacherri market landing to Cherukara *kayal*. He also requested that, in registering portions of the Vembanad lake, it was desirable to reckon the requirements of the proposed canal and to reserve sufficient area on both sides of the line from the end of the Changanacherri-Cherukara canal straight up to Kumarakom Thekekara.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

81 The necessity for opening cartable roads from the taluk headquarters to the other villages of the Thodupuzha taluk.

Mr. Ousep Chacko (Member, Thodupuzha taluk) represented that the Thodupuzha taluk was a hilly place and possessed no facilities for travelling. The people experienced much inconvenience for want of good roads. He

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